



These Scouts, all members of Sprague Electric families, received various awards at the Court of Honor held at the Adams Memorial Theatre in Williamstown on February 12. First row, from left to right: James Horbal, son of Peter Horbal of the Cost Department; John Royal, son of Frances Royal of Marshall Street Drys; Frederick Windover, Jr., son of Fred Windover of Sales; Ralph Sherman, son of Pinky Sherman of the Can Shop; Frances Risch, son of Ernest Risch of Brown Street; Henry Sherman, son of Aloysius Henry of Product Engineering. Back row, left to right: William Allison, Jr., son of William Allison of Research and Engineering; Robin Royal, brother of Frances; Edward Reardon, son of Mildred of P.A.A. Brown Street.



Harvey DeGrenier of Marshall Street, member of the Elk's Reception Committee, greets Governor Dever on his visit to North Adams, February 18.

Did You Know?

It was Benjamin Franklin who took the first step toward the modern condenser?

Early in 1747 Peter Collinson, an Englishman, sent an electrical tube (the Leyden Jar) to his friend, Ben Franklin, in Philadelphia. As usual, Dr. Franklin had some ideas of his own

and used a Leyden Jar in his famous lightning-kite experiment. It was Franklin who identified the principle and improved on the jar with the simple "Franklin Pane", a piece of glass with tinfoil on each side. Today's condensers are practically small piles of Franklin Panes.

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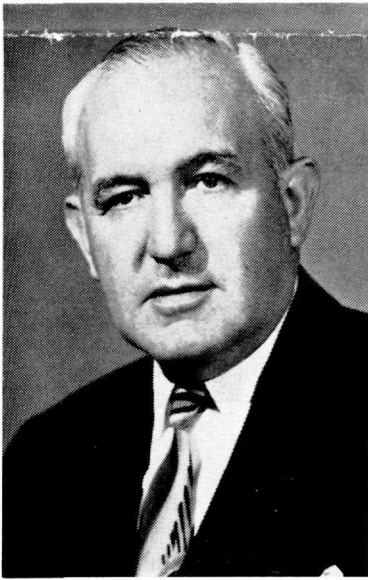
Live Longer!

The Massachusetts Heart Association peered out the window, saw several trillion tons of heavy wet snow all over everything—including sidewalks and driveways and issued these words of advice on:

"How to keep your name out of the obituary columns."

If you are 45 or older and you **MUST** shovel snow:

- (1) Do not work to exhaustion
- (2) Rest frequently
- (3) Avoid chilling
- (4) Drink hot drinks
- (5) Better yet, let some younger fellow do it.



Irving J. Kahan

Irving J. Kahan, Chicago Sales Representative for Sprague Products Company, scored 54 points in the 1949 Sprague Products Sales Contest on Tel-Ohmikes and capped the one hundred-dollar prize.

Ronald Bowen of Denver, Colorado, and Dale Weber of Portland, Oregon, tied for second place with 32 points each and will receive duplicate prizes of fifty dollars. Paul Scholz of Kansas City, Missouri, came in third with 29 points and twenty-five dollars.

ATTENTION GIRLS!

If you are dreaming of a trip to remember the rest of your life, you may want to enter the **TEN GIRLS WITH TASTE SURVEY** contest being sponsored by Glamour Magazine. The first prize is a trip to Paris! For information, write to Ten Girls With Taste Survey, Glamour Magazine, 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, N. Y. Entries must be in by April 1.

COMPLIANCE WITH INSURANCE LAWS NECESSARY FOR CAR OWNERS AND DRIVERS

Failure To Comply Carries Penalties

The automobile driver who has an accident and fails to comply with the exacting specifications laid down by Financial Responsibility Laws is heading for trouble, according to the January issue of **WATCH** magazine, home and highway safety quarterly published by the American Mutual Liability Insurance Company of Boston. Like all laws, **WATCH** points out, ignorance or misunderstanding of them stands as no excuse -- failure to comply carries penalties from suspension of driving licenses and car registration to fines and jail sentences.

With 44 of the 48 states and the district of Columbia now having in effect some form of Financial Responsibility Legislation, **WATCH** has undertaken the important job of tabulating this information from the drivers' viewpoint—pointing out all of the things that any driver involved in an accident must do. Vitally important to the drivers' right to continue driving are such questions as: providing evidence of financial responsibility, reporting accidents to designated authorities, using special report forms, reporting accidents within allotted time limit, the latter in some cases being as brief as 24 hours. **WATCH** sums up the general situation by pointing out that

whether or not the 1950 car owner and driver realizes it, he has shouldered infinitely more responsibility than that of safe driving, knowledge of speed limits, highway signs and signals. He must know his Financial Responsibility laws and he must comply with them.

Originally legislated in Connecticut in 1926, these laws now cover the country with the exception of Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas. In Massachusetts, the only state having a compulsory public liability insurance law, a car owner must show evidence of financial responsibility before he is allowed to register his automobile. In the remaining 43 states,

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This picture of Tommy Mahoney of Formation, taken during the worst ice storm we have had in seven years, has appeared in newspapers in all forty-eight states, including Florida where it startled the natives at first glance.

Randy Trabold


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YOU DON'T KNOW THE HALF OF IT!

"Let's put away all the \$10 words and call a spade a spade. Socialism, in plain English, is nothing more nor less than **POLITICAL MANAGEMENT** of the lives, the total lives, of people. Somewhere back in history -- around 1776 -- it seems that we polished up some muskets, rammed 'em with gunpowder, and stopped the first attempt to manage our lives. And again in 1917. And again in 1941.

What manner of people are we who will fight at the drop of a hat to prevent control from the outside and submit blindly to conquest of our lives from within? Step by step, inch by inch, the starry-eyed dreamers and planners in our midst go on and on plotting and planning more control of our Business machine without which this nation would swiftly lose its power and its greatness. Step by step the burden of taxes grows heavier, stifling Business growth and progress, undermining our capacity to create jobs. More and more, restriction follows restriction. More and more, political management of our lives, our total lives, make a farce of democracy, the last genuine democracy on earth. That, Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Citizen, by whatever name you choose to call it, is Socialism in the making!

That is the same bag of political tricks that has finally made the courageous, fighting people of England victims of a busted economy -- Victims finally, of political management of Business. Under political management, last year in England, Civil Aviation lost \$100,000,000, Coal lost \$108,000,000, Railroads lost an estimated \$100,000,000. And who pays the bill? The people, of course, in taxes that kill all initiative and all desire even to work for more than the bare necessities of life. A \$40 a week worker in England works 12 weeks out of the year to pay his taxes.

AUSTERITY, they call it. The other word for it is STARVATION.

And what is the prospect of relief? None, as long as Business remains under control of politicians who know nothing of Business operation and management. This is Socialism in England in action. This is political management in action! Management that has driven prices up and the standard of living down, turned profits into losses, lowered production, reduced the quality of goods and services. Management that will finally run the total lives of people at a loss -- a loss of pride, dignity, of freedom, of all that we hold sacred.

Births

SON, Charles Gilbert, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Felix on February 11. The father works in Resistors and the mother in Mica.

DAUGHTER, Carol Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Smachetti on February 3. The mother is Philomena of P.A.A.

SON, Paul Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius J. Michalenko on February 3. The mother is Mary of Dry Tubular Assembly.

DAUGHTER to Mr. and Mrs. Alden S. Jones on February 7. The father is employed in Plating.

SON to Mr. and Mrs. Magnifico on February 7. The mother is Celia of Paper Rolling.

SON, Walter Edward, to Mr. and Mrs. William Kaczowski on February 18. The father works in Marshall Street Maintenance.

Weddings

ROTOLO-SHERRY
Miss Marie Antoinette Sherry of the F. P. Drys was married to Joseph James Rotolo of Rolling on February 11 in St. Francis' Church. They are at home at 42 Cherry Street.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Osias Contois have announced the engagement of their daughter, Theresa, of Molded Tubular Soldering, to Armand Trombley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Trombley. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Kearns have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ann Patricia, of Product Engineering, to Robert James Reardon, son of Charles Reardon. No date has been set for the wedding.

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Somebody has figured out that each of us exhales more than a pint of water every day by just breathing... Want to stop wasting water? Well, just stop breathing!

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Our standard of living -- the things we have to make life more pleasant and easier -- is twice as high as it was 35 years ago, and it's still going up!

In England it may be too late. For once a nation gives up its freedom and submits to those who seek power for power's sake, there is small chance of escape.

In this country, where your freedom is at stake, it is later than you think and the decision is yours. Before you decide that you will allow U. S. Business, your Business, to be politically managed -- your life, your total life, stripped of the freedoms you have known, it will profit you not to watch out for this thing called Socialism because, Brother, you don't know the half of it."

An advertisement published by the Standard Steel Spring Company as a contribution to a better understanding of the greatness of the United States.

Compliance with Insurance

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while differing from one to another, these laws generally fall into three major categories:

OLD-TYPE -- Several states still having effect this early version of present day **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY LAWS**. This type of law prohibits a person from operating or registering an automobile as long as he has an unsatisfied judgment against him. In other words, evidence of financial responsibility is not required until the person has an accident resulting in a judgment against him.

FUTURE-PROOF -- This also is an early version of financial responsibility legislation. These laws specify that anyone convicted of such traffic violations as reckless driving, driving under the influence of liquor, failure to stop after an accident, disregarding traffic signals and other specified violations must provide evidence of financial responsibility (even though there has been no accident) to avoid suspension of the right to drive.

SECURITY-TYPE -- This is the most recent trend of financial responsibility legislation, and this type requires the suspension of the driver's license and the registration of the automobile unless he can prove that he is able to pay any judgment resulting from his automobile accident, no matter whether he is to blame or not. It usually applies to all accidents resulting in personal injuries or death and all property damage accidents priced at a certain figure, usually twenty-five or fifty dollars.

The fact that his state may not have such a law in effect does not mean that he can own or drive a car without concern for these laws. For, the minute he drives his car, or someone else's, into a state that has such a law in effect, he and the owner immediately become subject to that law; and in the event of an accident, he and the owner, must do all of the things that that state's responsibility law requires.

The laws require two important things of those who become involved in accidents. The first is that the driver and the owner involved conduct the handling and reporting of the accident in accordance with the requirements of the law. The second is that each driver and the owner so involved must provide unquestioned evidence of abil-

Our Safety Corner



HORSEPLAY IS THE ENEMY OF SAFETY

ity to pay for the property damage or personal injuries resulting.

From American Mutual's own claim files, there is broad and conclusive evidence that the average driver does not know how to handle an accident in such a way that his own interest will be properly protected and that he will be complying with financial responsibility law requirements. Until their advent, the question of complete accident reporting was requested only by insurance companies. Today, it is a requirement in forty-four states.

This is important: Not only must the accident be reported, but usually it must be done within a definite time limit. Failure to handle the accident in any of these aspects is subject to penalty for the violator.

What?

Blizzard of 1950.

When?

Week of February 20.

Where?

New England Region.

Why This Plug.

The Log was delayed because the Editor was Snowbound on the day the paper was to go to press.

SORRY!



BUSY BEAVER

NEWS

Product Engineering

By Fran Melito

On Valentine's Day, we all received Valentines. They were pretty cute even though they were homemade. Shorty received a cute one with all lace and everything but didn't know who it came from. Really had you stumped didn't it, Kid?

We'd like to welcome to our department Doreen Bordwin and Joan Andrews. Doreen is originally from Canada and has only been in North Adams a few months. Joan graduated from Drury with the class of '49 and until recently has been taking a Post Graduate course at that school.

Most of the girls in the department have been going to the wrestling matches. They can't wait for Mr. America.

Hurry and get well, Bill Neumann.

Until recently we had a love triangle in our department, but it looks as though one of the girls gave up. What happened?

Our deepest sympathy is with Ray Calvi on the death of his father-in-law.

Yours Truly has been trying to sell tickets for the Benefit Basketball Game, but not to many people are co-operative. Come on give, and let's fight Polio.

Rolling Dept.

By Hubba-Hubba

Congratulations are in order for all sorts of people this time. We begin with Ceil Rokita whose engagement to Walter Wol has been announced. What a sparkler!

And to Aileen Riel on her engagement to Pat Mazza.

And to Mary Dzierga who has announced her engagement to Anthony Vigna.

And to Jeannine Contois who will marry Robert Boucher.

And to Jeannett Adams whose engagement to Joseph Desnoyers has been announced. It looks as if wedding bells will be ringing pretty steadily for some time to come.

Welcome to Milly Marcel and Eleanor Romeo who have come to the Rolling Department.

F. P. Drys

By Rita Cote

Well, we certainly started the New Year off right with Pearl Dubreuil's party where we all had a wonderful time. It's a little late to thank you, Pearl, but we do and we wish you a Happy Birthday, too.

Marguerite LaCasse's brother came home from Kansas with his wife and daughter to spend the holidays with his family here.

Our sympathy to Celia Lord and family on the death of her baby brother.

A Happy Birthday to Eleanor Wojcik, too.

Sales Office

By Jonanin

Is it a coincidence—is it planned—or was it a sale? Everytime "Flo" Siciliano wears her plaid jacket Bill Carlton shows up with his, too.

VACATIONS:

Marcia Sutherland enjoyed her vacation the week of February 13 with her parents in Pennsylvania. She visited North Carolina also.

Doris Rennell spent the week of February 6 at home. From what we heard it was a quiet but enjoyable vacation.

We all agree that Celeste Duffy's new hairdo is most becoming.

Songs vs Personalities

Loyola Fitzpatrick—
Dream, Dream, Dream
Gina Sauve—The Man I Love
Flo Siciliano—The Ice Cream Man
Kay Pellows—
Heap Big Smoke But No Fire
Doris Rennell—We'll Build a Bungalow
Helen Foley—Put Your Shoes on Lucy,
Don't You Know Your in the City
Celeste Duffy—Sophisticated Lady
Nina Boudreau—Wedding Bells
Joan La Pierre—
If I Only Had A Match
Nat Garofano—
I'm Just Wild About Harry
Mary Mathews—
California Here I Come
Marcia Sutherland—
My Sugar Is So Refined

Misc. Paper Finish

By Velma Lincoln

Happy Birthday from the gang to Elizabeth Fleury and Ann Downey.

Elizabeth Kenney's son, John, was operated on at the Cushing Hospital in Framingham recently. We hope that by the time this issue comes out, he will be home and feeling well again.

Ann Downey is back with us and likes her job—boss painter.

"There's No Tomorrow" sung by the one and only Frances Gayda! We hear she will be going to California sometime soon. Lucky girl.

Our boss, Charles Desrosiers, received several valentines which he enjoyed a lot.

You Need Breakfast

For good health and physical fitness $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the food we eat each day should be consumed at breakfast. Yet doctors tell us that many people feel that an extra 10 minutes of sleep in the morning is more important than eating breakfast.

The statement that from $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ of the day's nutrition should be obtained from breakfast may seem complicated at first. Here's one way to put it in practice: Eat a daily breakfast of fruit, cereal, milk, bread and butter. Then you're sure to get the right amount of nutrients out of breakfast. If you're in very active physical work, you might want to add other breakfast foods to the pattern, such as eggs, breakfast meats, or pancakes. But no matter what type of work you're in, a minimum good breakfast of fruit, cereal, milk, bread and butter should be a habit.

The "why" of eating this basic breakfast has now been put on a firm foundation by recent scientific studies. They showed that you'll definitely do better during the late morning hours if you eat a good breakfast regularly.

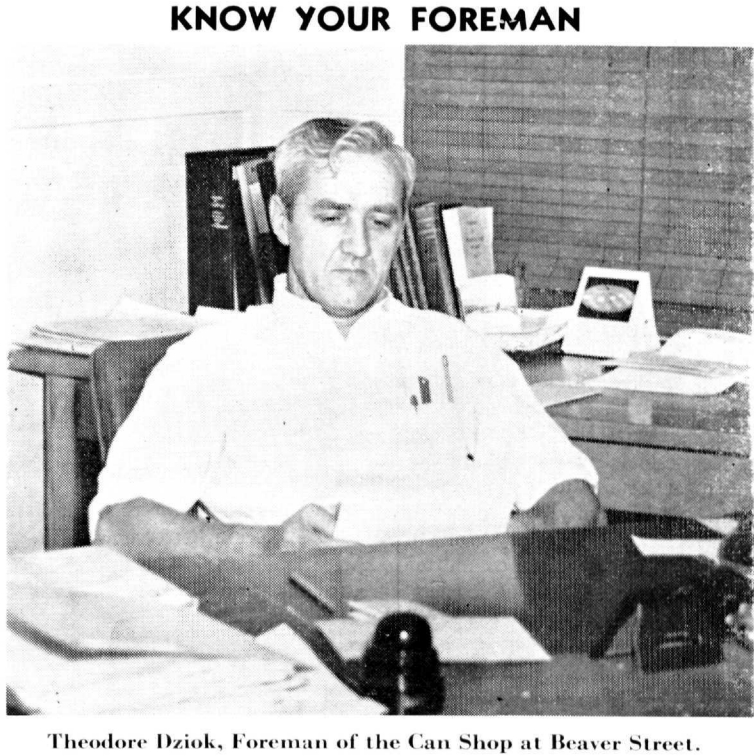
Many illnesses in industry are due to inadequate breakfasts, and in some cases, no breakfast at all. On the other hand, eating a basic breakfast every day means you'll be able to turn out more work, you'll be more wide awake mentally, and you'll show less muscular fatigue. This is, of course, of special importance to working men and women.

Government nutritionists tell us that for that important feeling of well-being during the morning, about one-third of the day's protein should be in the breakfast meal. A most economical way to get this valuable nutrient in top-quality form is in the basic breakfast of fruit, cereal, milk, bread and butter.

Another thing: Medical and nutrition authorities say that if we have no morning meal, we'll eat too much at other meals. This means that our bodies are over-taxed when we tend to stuff ourselves, and we don't get the most efficient use of our food.

If you take your lunch to work, or eat in a supervised cafeteria, chances are you're getting appetizing, nutritious foods at noon. Then at night, a hearty, hot meal is no doubt in order at your house. That takes care of two meals of the day in fine fashion. But what about the first meal of the day—breakfast—which many nutritionists say is the most important of the three?

If you're rushed in the morning, and feel that you don't have time to eat breakfast, try to get to bed a few minutes earlier the night before. You need only about 12 minutes to eat a basic breakfast of the five foods mentioned above. By the way, this pattern is an easy one for homemakers to follow.



Theodore Dziok, Foreman of the Can Shop at Beaver Street.

Ted came to work at Sprague Electric in 1933 and has been in the Can Shop ever since except, during the war, when he served a brief period with the Gas Mask Gang. Even then, he left his heart in the Can Shop where he has been Foreman since 1942.

The Can Shop and Plating, located at Beaver Street, presents to the casual observer a study in intricacy although Ted says "It's really very simple". His rapid-fire description of the things they make and the purposes the products serve leaves one a bit bewildered but very certain that this is definitely an important spot in the production line.

In the first place, they do make cans, ranging from one-half inch to eight inches square, out of tin plate. These cans go to the various assembly departments where the condenser sections are inserted. For Rolling, the Can Shop makes pins and wire. Two men make outside parts for samples. Those large sheets of copper you see leaning against the wall when you walk through are cut into small pieces to make soldering tips for the Stockroom to dispense when needed. The Plating gang takes care of electro tinning, cadmium and other plating. When we asked "What do they do with all these things?", Ted answered "They go into the assembly of many of our products. While we are too busy in our own department to get into the other departments often, we have to know how our things are used so we will realize the importance of doing our work according to regulation specifications." It would seem to us that Ted gets around quite a bit in order to keep his eye on all these different processes.

Ted is a native of Adams, married Miss Veronica Mazur of that city in 1935, and has two sons, Theodore, Jr.,

aged ten and Michael, four years old. He likes all sports and has taken active part in some of them. He bowls with the Grill Restaurant Team in Adams and played football there for years. While he likes gardening, he finds it unnecessary to do much of it because his mother-in-law has a farm and supplies his family with many garden fresh vegetables. Now we know he gets along with his mother-in-law!

His membership in the North Adams Aerie of Eagles, several Polish organizations in Adams, and St. Stanislaus Church shows his interest in group activities. But, when it comes down to brass tacks, we gather that Ted is more the strong, silent type. This surmise is borne out by his favorite recreation which is deep sea fishing.

Every summer, he goes to Salem where a friend owns a lobster boat. They always stay out two or three days and then come in with two or three hundred pounds of "mackerel, flounder, lobster, cod and a few sharks now and then." They usually find eager customers waiting for the haul.

One time, after waiting two days for a cold rain to let up, they went out against the advice of the life guard and, even though they were equipped with life jackets, nearly froze. The fish, being smart, didn't fall for their line so they came home empty handed. Since that time, they have listened to the man with the weather eye.

Ever since talking with Ted, we've been trying to figure out just how you do make a "lobster pot". It's something about a bit of string, a strawberry crate, a one-inch piece of rope and a piece of wood with your name on it. The lobsters get in and can't get out and you pull them up and eat them. Sounds wonderful!



Frances Marie and Jaunita Downs, daughters of Angie Downs of the PAA night shift.

Sandra Corbosiero, niece of Evelyn Jones of Industrial Oil Rolling and daughter of Isabel Corbosiero, formerly of Industrial Oil.

An Engineering and Research group square dancing at the party given by Dr. and Mrs. Preston Robinson in Williamstown recently.

Sheila Domenichini, daughter of Cliff of the Can Shop.

Frederick Bowman, son of Alice Wright of Miscellaneous Paper Assembly.

BROWN STREET "BRIEFS"

Industrial Oil Rolling

By Helen Lesure

The kids in three-cornered pants seem to be stealing the headlines lately. Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Fitzpatrick on the arrival of their crown prince. The name chosen for aforesaid prince is Bruce Bernard. Welcome to our crazy old world, Bruzy Boy. Now Bernie and Chet Lesniak can discuss formulas, teething, et cetera to their hearts' content. Chet's baby was baptized February 12 and named Gary William.

Once again the reception committee is at the door welcoming newcomers. This time we are happy to have Ceil Ferrara and Jeannette Holmes with us. Jeannette is the sister of Alice Beauchamp. There is such a striking resemblance between the two that they could be taken for twins.

Here's a wish from all the gang to Dolly, the cleaning lady, for a quick recovery following an operation. Get well quick, Dolly, 'cause we miss your cheery greetings when we enter the lounge at different times of the day.

We all had a hearty time at our Valentine dinner party. It was in the form of a good old New England covered dish social with everyone bringing a dish she specializes in. After gorging ourselves on salads, pickles, beans, and so on, we sat back and re-lived our childhood days by passing out valentines to each other. This ended a very enjoyable noon hour — so enjoyable, in fact, that we would like a repeat performance on St. Patrick's Day. How about it, girls? "Specks" is the new monicker we've tagged Lena Nicola with. Personally, we think those new specs are terrifically becoming. However, the boys haze Lee about looking like a dignified pedagogue.

Just because I didn't have any news printed last time doesn't mean I have the right to prattle on endlessly this trip. With our first real snow storm here, I'll be shovelling off!

Resistors

By Chick and Chuck

Victor Gay likes to receive letters, but he objected recently to the addition of two letters in his first name. It's "Victor" not Victor-ia".

Chuck Felix is the proud father of a six-pound, fifteen-ounce baby girl.

The noon hour slips by pretty fast since the boys started to play whist.

We understand that Chick Currant has to have his cup of tea before leaving for work each morning.

FOR SALE: Cocker Spaniel, two months old. Victor Gay, Brown Street.

Industrial Oils

By Ann Heath

Hazel L'Ecuyer has returned to our department after a few months transfer to Resistors. We're glad to have you back, Hazel. We welcome Gerry Bessette, too, the daughter of Millie Kearns of Paper Rolling. We hope you like it here, Gerry.

We all send our best wishes to Eleanor DeSanty and Nellie Hall, two of our girls on sick leave. Hurry back.

Winnie Emery is on the sick list. We hope you are better now, Win.

Attention, folks! Those things flying around are not flying saucers but buttons off of Bernie Fitzpatrick's shirt since he became the proud father of a son. We all know you will make a splendid pa, Bernie.

Will someone smarten Bill Sheldon up and tell him what soakers are? They're not worn on the feet, Bill, and they're not made of nylon. If you don't catch on, ask Fitz.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. David Puppolo on the death of their baby girl.

Sadie Champagne wishes to thank everyone for the nice vote they gave her.

Molded Tubulars

By The Busy Bees

Our best wishes to Theresa Contois whose engagement was announced recently.

We have a few girls with talent on our line. For instance, the "Andrew Sisters", Betty Romeo, Marie Lemoine and Dora Burns.

We welcome the new girls who have come to work with us. We hope you like us.

Glad to see you back, Marion Andrews. The place has been dead without you.

Happy Birthday was in order for Florence Clement on February 21. Many happy returns, Florence.

Jo Buda has stars in her eyes since she received a beautiful hopechest for Christmas — from her one and only.

Helen Wagner's efforts in bringing that rat trap in were wasted. The pest was caught elsewhere.

Industrial Oils

By Georgiema Joy

Our department was a pretty dull place until our Foreman, "Can-He-Rustle", started reading the Springfield paper every morning. Now he keeps us laughing all the time.

K.V.A. ate bread Saturday. They all loafed.

Wire Coating

By Corena Tatro

We welcome the newcomers to the department: Bud Roy, Ralph Bullett, and Mervin Orell. We hope your stay with us will be long and successful.

It's good to know that Al Peck's family are on the mend again.

At last a little snow has fallen which should make the sports enthusiasts happy. Nick DelNegro has been trying his skis.

We hope Ann Tassone isn't singing "After The Ball Is Over". We heard you looked pretty, Ann.

Betty Jangrow was in Southwick, last Sunday to attend a party for baby Robert Grimaldi, a nephew, who was the third New Year baby to be born in Springfield, Massachusetts.

We all enjoyed the beautiful valentine cake, Lucille. It was a nice surprise.

Molded Tubular Solder

By M. Bua and R. Samia

A blessed event took place recently at the home of Olive Simon. The Simon cow became the proud mother of a lovely calf. Congratulations, Olive.

Welcome to Mabel Harrington who has joined our department.

Happy Birthday to Doris Stone who celebrated her birthday on February 16.

Grace Miller is demanding pizza. This is a hint for those who make it — please bring some for Grace.

Molded Tubulars--Night

By Nellie Mancini

We welcome Elsie LaBonte back to the fold after her month's leave of absence because of illness.

Many happy returns of the day to Betty Kleiner. We hope you liked your gift, Betty.

Evelyn Ciempa, how did it happen you missed Yours Truly when you were giving out valentines?

Ralph Kleiner and Rita Pedrin are going around in circles trying to find out where their valentines came from. We hear that John O'Connell and Jack O'Leary also received them from unknown admirers.

We are glad to hear that Aldea Caron's daughter, Connie, is coming along nicely.

That was a nice dress you had on last week, Ann St. Cyr. The one with the polka dots, remember?

Here's a good answer next time somebody tries to get you out of bed before you're ready to get up: Scientists say that their studies of animals show that "the more intelligent they are, the more sleep they need."



Carmello Pirrello, Jr., Northeastern University student, spends his working time in Product Engineering.

Carmello Pirrello, Jr., of Medford, Massachusetts, is one of the two Northeastern University students who spends the 'working' hours of his college life at Sprague Electric. Twice a year, for a ten and a sixteen-week period, he comes to actually do the thing for which he is being prepared in his five-year course at Northeastern University in Boston. The rest of the time, except for one week's vacation in the summer, he goes to school and studies for his degree in Electrical Engineering.

While Carmello is in school, Donald Denault, another Northeastern student holds down the job, and vice versa. In other words, the job is always being done by one or the other and one of the boys is always in the classroom.

This cooperative plan of study, combining practical work with theoretical preparation, has been in practice in several schools throughout the country for some years. It appeals to young people who believe themselves capable, who are willing to work and who believe they can succeed if given an opportunity. In this manner, the man knows something about the job he will take when he graduates and so saves himself and the company for which he goes to work many hours of uncertainty and wasted effort.

Carmello was graduated from Medford High School in 1946. He had heard of the Northeastern Plan while in high school and made up his mind to try it. The first year was pretty much like any other freshman year in college even to having the first summer free. The second year, 1948, was the beginning of the routine which sends him to us for his work periods. He went, first, to the Sample Department where he became acquainted with the assembly of components and learned what we make. The second tour placed him in

Check Inspection where he learned how quality is controlled, how and why tests are made, about the standards required by the government and those demanded by ourselves. Since that time, he has been working in Product Engineering under Walter Clark and Howie Sherman.

Once a year, Carmello has to present a work report to the college. The first one was entitled "My Job Environment" and was easy, according to Carmello, but they get more technical as he progresses. He is enthusiastic about the Northeastern Plan which provides double opportunity for young people with ambition and ability. You can study almost anything under this plan. Degrees are awarded in Arts, Law, et cetera but it is primarily a technical school. When we think that the daytime enrollment at Northeastern is around 4,000, we can see that it is something which is "catching on" in a big way and that well-trained, well-adapted men will be keeping the wheels of industry humming for some time to come.

When in North Adams, Carmello lives at the YMCA. He likes baseball, basketball, bowling, dancing, AND he has a girl friend who shares his leisure hours. No dull boy, this lad who knows so well how to combine business, pleasure and study!

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

Automatic Rolling

By Choo-Choo

Joe Rotolo was married on February 11 to Miss Marie Sherry. Congratulations to both of you. Joe received a purse from the boys.

Mike Gagliano looks rested after his recent illness.

Joe Rosse has returned after a week's leave of absence.

Bill Richard is very happy. His well is full of water after a long dry spell.

Bill Pratt brought in a pair of his baby's shoes that he had bronzed himself. They looked very good, Bill.

Joe Vitro and Larry Hiser have purchased new cars recently.

The kitten in our department was living the life of Reilly until one of the boys took it home. We shared our lunches and even brought in special foods and toys for him. We miss him now that he's gone. He even chased a dog out of the department the other day. What a left hook!

Miscellaneous Drips

By Eddie O'Neil

Since Cecile Risch has moved to the Notch Road, she has been taking a lot of kidding about living on a farm. Could it be that Ernie has her milking the cows every morning or is it really the weather that makes her late?

Flash Racette has been coming back a little early at noon. Is there a girl Flash? Flash and Louis were fragrantly decorated the other day. Flash claimed that someone threw perfume on him, but Louie said they helped themselves. Louis looks different without his perky haircut. He can be found in front of the mirror in the men's room combing back his hair every hour on the hour. Who is it, Louie?

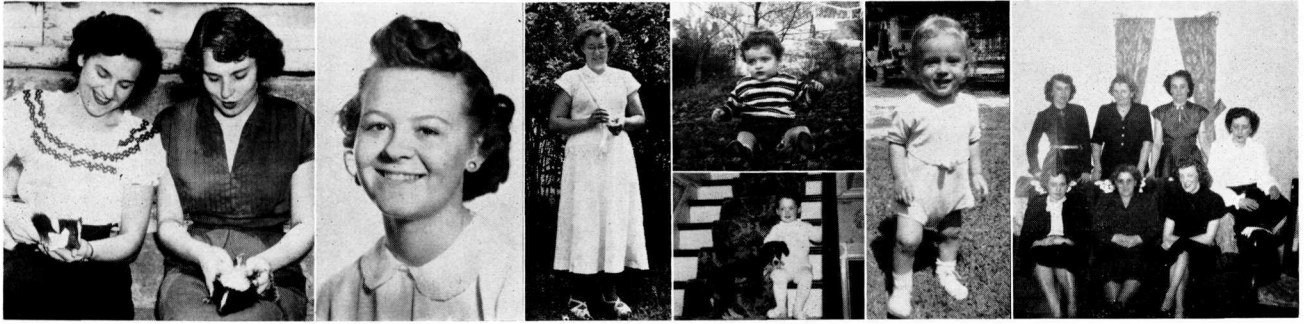
Dot Dupras reads True Romance every noon hour and pines because our test board operator isn't as romantic as some of the heroes in the books.

Congratulations to Louie and Flash on their recent victory as room representatives. An appropriate gift would be a pair of ear muffs.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Richards on their thirtieth wedding anniversary which was celebrated on February 17. Their daughter, Lorraine, works in the Pilot Plant at Brown Street.



We kept this picture for a real Christmasy snow. Maud Waska and Santa Claus had fun visiting Charles Deeb, son of Anna of Brown Street Molding, in the North Adams Hospital.



Marion Beazie of F.P.P. Drys, niece of Loretta Matthews of the Sample Department, and Marion Dupree of Manchester, Vermont, converse with pet skunks, Benny and Page. Joan Perras, fifteen year-old daughter of Yvonne Perras of Paper Assembly. Joan Marlowe, daughter of Dorothy Marlowe of Paper Ignition Assembly. Harold Dustin, son of Leslie of the Can Shop and Clarise of the F. P. Drys and grandson of Catherine Coody of the same department. Brian Francis Beaupre, son of Louise Beaupre and grandson of Viola Dempsey both of D.T.Q. The father, Eugene, now in Marshall Street Formation. Richard Chauncey of Colonial Beach, Virginia, nephew of Lorraine Damon of Dry Rolling. D. T. Q. Testers at Christmas Party and Housewarming at the home of Lillian Bingham. Standing: Ceil Risch, Lillian Bingham, Dot Royal. Sitting: Celeste Pointier, Lucy Depari, Mary Ziaja, Viola Dempsey.

House Checking Time is Here

The midwinter season is a good time to go through the house and check it for safety. This should be a systematic and conscientious search for danger signals. Listed below are a few of the obvious hazards and questions you should ask yourself:

Attic: Is there piled up debris such as newspapers and magazines in a dark, un-aired corner? Is the air stale and hot? If so, the attic should be ventilated.

Bedrooms: Are the scatter rugs slipping all over the floor? Is the cord for the bed light hanging over a nail or obstacle which will fray the cord? In the children's bedroom be sure the window guard is firm, or, if there isn't a guard, check the windows closely.

Closets: Are there any oily or greasy rags and mops stored in musty corners?

Stairs: Any chance of tripping over uneven or torn carpeting? Are there any loose boards?

Living room: Plenty of ash trays? Screen in front of the fireplace? Any electric wires under the rug? If so the constant walking on them will fray them.

Dining room: Are you plugging in too many appliances to one outlet?

Kitchen: Is the stove clean? Is the step-ladder safe? Are there any chipped or cracked glasses in the cupboard? Is there any gas leaking from the stove? (Don't try to find out with a match).

Basement: How's the insulation around the furnace? Has the furnace been checked lately?

Bathroom: Are all the bottles in the medicine cabinet correctly labeled?

General Questions: Are the right fire extinguishers in the right places? Is an Ansul extinguisher near the oil burner, and wherever there is danger of an oil or electrical fire? Is there a soda acid extinguisher in the attic, and wherever there is danger of a paper or wood fire?

Keep your watch warm on a really cold night. For example, wear your wrist watch to bed. Place a pocket watch in a drawer, preferably between two handkerchiefs. Never let a watch spend a cold night on a stone or hardwood surface, watchmakers say. The special oil used for lubricating this delicate machinery tends to thicken at low temperatures. As a result, a watch will keep poor time, or even stop, if it gets cold enough.

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SPORTS . . .



Sprague Lassies Basketball Team

The Lassies have now won 10 out of 12 games contested so far this season. Two easy wins were registered over the Charlemont Girls in a home and home series.

A very close contest was seen in the game between the "Lassies" and the Youth Bureau with the Sprague girls winning 26-22.

When this issue rolls off the press the Spragueites will have participated in the West Mass. Tournament staged in Haydenville.

Also a Benefit Game has been arranged for the March of Dimes. This will bring together the Sprague Lassies and the Pro-Drug of Pittsfield.

Here are two more box scores:

Sprague Lassies Score

The Sprague Lassies had less trouble with the Charlemont girls than was the case in their previous clash at Charlemont, winning with points to spare. The home team established an early lead which was steadily boosted as the contest progressed. Miss Wisnowski led the Sprague team to its victory by tossing six baskets. Miss Meranti caged six points and Miss D'Arcangelo five. Miss Henderson and Miss Parker registered all the points for Charlemont. The summary:

Sprague Lassies			
	B.	F.	P.
D. Arcangelo, rf.	2	1	5
P. Gilmore, rf.	2	0	4
V. Wisnowski, lf.	6	0	12
C. Chalifoux, lf.	0	0	0
L. Meranti, cf.	3	0	6
J. LaPierre, cf.	1	0	2
L. Greene, cf.	1	0	2
K. Perenick, cg.	0	0	0
L. Damon, lg.	1	0	2
M. Wittig, lg.	1	0	2
J. Roy, rg.	0	0	0
F. Melito, rg.	0	0	0
Totals	17	1	35

Charlemont			
	B.	F.	P.
D. Henderson, rf.	1	3	5
J. Dosty, rf.	0	0	0
L. Parker, cf.	2	0	4
L. Fitzroy, lg.	0	0	0
C. Raymon, cg.	0	0	0
L. Brown, rg.	0	0	0
G. Clark, rg.	0	0	0
Totals	3	3	9

Referee: Geo. St. Pierre.

Sprague Lassies Win

The Sprague Lassies turned in another victory in the first game of the double header, vanquishing the Youth Bureau girls' team of Hudson, N. Y., by the score of 26-22. It was a close contest with the local team meeting plenty of opposition. It succeeded in pulling away toward the finish, however, and taking the final victory by a four point margin. Both sides played strong defensive games and scoring was not as plentiful as usual. Miss Wisnowski led the winners with seven points, while Miss D'Arcangelo contributed six.

Miss Gilmore annexed four points for the victors. Miss Shadon of the Hudson team was high scorer of the game with 12 points. The summary:

Sprague Lassies			
	B.	F.	P.
D. D'Arcangelo, rf.	3	0	6
P. Gilmore, rf.	2	0	4
V. Wisnowski, lf.	3	1	7
C. Chalifoux, lf.	0	0	0
L. Meranti, cf.	3	2	8
J. LaPierre, cf.	0	0	0

L. Greene, c.	0	0	0
K. Perenick, c.	0	0	0
L. Damon, c.	0	0	0
M. Wittig, lg.	0	1	1
J. Roy, lg.	0	0	0
F. Melito, rg.	0	0	0

Totals. 11 4 26

Youth Bureau

	B.	F.	P.
Tiano, rf.	0	2	2
M. Wolfe, lf.	0	0	0
D. Crosta, lf.	0	0	0
P. Shadin, cf.	4	4	12
Lansing, rg.	0	1	1
Tracy, rg.	0	0	0
V. Shadin, c.	1	1	2
R. Novak, c.	2	0	4

Totals. 7 8 22

Official: George St. Pierre.



Sprague Electric Girls' Bowling League (February 14)

Team Standings:	Won	Lost
Beaverettes	48	15
Paper Ignition	39	24
Alley Cats	35	28
W. E. Rolling	34	28
Industrial Oils	33	29
Independents	23	40
Dry Rolling	21	42
D.T.Q.	19	44

Individual Standings:

High Ind. Single—M. LeFebure	124
High Ind. Triple—C. Risch	325
High Team Single—P. Ignition	489
High Team Triple—P. Ignition	1384
Low Individual Single—I. Lowe	48
Low Individual Triple—I. Lowe	163
Strikes—Hazel Martel	15

High Ind. Average on Each Team:

Name and Team	Ave.	Stgs.
H. Martel, P. Ignition	93.7	63
E. Stack, D.T.Q.	90.2	45
C. Shakar, Beaverettes	89.8	57
M. Wohler, Independents	89.7	62
I. Witherow, Ind. Oils	87.3	36
D. DePaoli, A. Cats	86.2	60
I. Anton, W. E. Rollers	86.2	51
J. Roy, Dry Rolling	85.6	57

High School Basketball
ADAMS TRIMS PITTSFIELD TO
CAPTURE LEAGUE CROWN

Our last scan of the Northern Berkshire High School Basketball:

ADAMS HIGH:

Hail the Champs! Coach Boehner's quintet finally shook off the Fox jinx and with a vital assist from Pittsfield St. Joseph, that enabled them to face the Shire City hoopsters on even terms, earned the hard fought victory 25-22. This club was our pick to win the Northern Berkshire and if pre-season scores mean anything they should defeat Lee, Southern Berkshire Champs. Joe Koczela won the league scoring honors with 168 points.

PITTSFIELD HIGH:

Coach Fox's lads, runner-up to Adams, faded in the final two games. Not only did they lose the big one with chips down but when Pittsfield St. Joseph nipped them 30-29, a lot of confidence that the Shire City cagesters had faded too. George Yannone was the second high league scorer with 162 points.

DRURY HIGH:

Drury High's "Blue Devils" wound up tied for third spot with Pittsfield St. Joseph. Drury all season long lacked that little spark that could have made them a crown contender. Petropoulos, the Drury center, played fine ball and it is too bad that he waited until his senior year to try out for basketball. He could have been a great asset to the local team.

Kenny Russell

PITTSFIELD ST. JOSEPH:

The surprise team of the year, this parochial quintet played the roll of giant killer — twice during the season they pulled stunning upsets. First against Drury when trailing by 8 they rallied for 9 in a row and victory. Then against Pittsfield they gave the Public School its initial league loss. Fred Broderick played a stellar game all year (set a new league record when he tossed 39 points in the game against North Adams St. Joseph), and wound up third in scoring honors with 159 points.

DALTON HIGH:

The Paper Town boys did fairly well against strong opposition and managed to win five to wind up 4th.

NORTH ADAMS ST. JOSEPH:

The local parochial quintet, this season, would be tied with Williams-town for the cellar position. Their lone win was over Williamstown and the spirit of this club was rewarded with this victory. The outlook for next year is much brighter.

WILLIAMSTOWN HIGH:

The College Town lads salvaged the final game of the season when they downed North Adams St. Joseph on the home court 49-36. It is still a mystery to us why this outfit should have had such a disastrous season. However the season is over and Coach Smith can look to the coming year with a new outlook and a new slate.

Here is our ALL NORTHERN
BERKSHIRE 1st and 2nd TEAMS:

FIRST TEAM		
Name and School	Position	
Don Morehead, Pittsfield	L.G.	
Joe Zavattero, Pittsfield	R.G.	
Joe Koczela, Adams	C.	
George Yannone, Pittsfield	L.F.	
Fred Broderick, Pitts. St. Joe	R.F.	

SECOND TEAM		
W. Carlow, Adams	L.G.	
E. Lawton, Drury	R.G.	
W. King, Williamstown	C.	
S. Koczela, Adams	L.F.	
C. Bury, Adams	R.F.	

HONORABLE MENTION: Markland and Harrington of N. A. St. Joseph; Zepka and Petropoulos of Drury; Bard and Wisnowski of Adams; Steele and Lennon of Dalton; Sheran of Pittsfield; and Keeping of Williams-town.

Here are the final standings:

	W.	L.	P.C.
Adams	11	1	.916
Pittsfield	10	2	.833
Drury	7	5	.583
St. Joes (P)	7	5	.583
Dalton	5	7	.416
St. Joes (NA)	1	11	.083
Williamstown	1	11	.083

Williams College

BASKETBALL:

Williams Plays Banner Game of Season to Down Amherst 63-44.

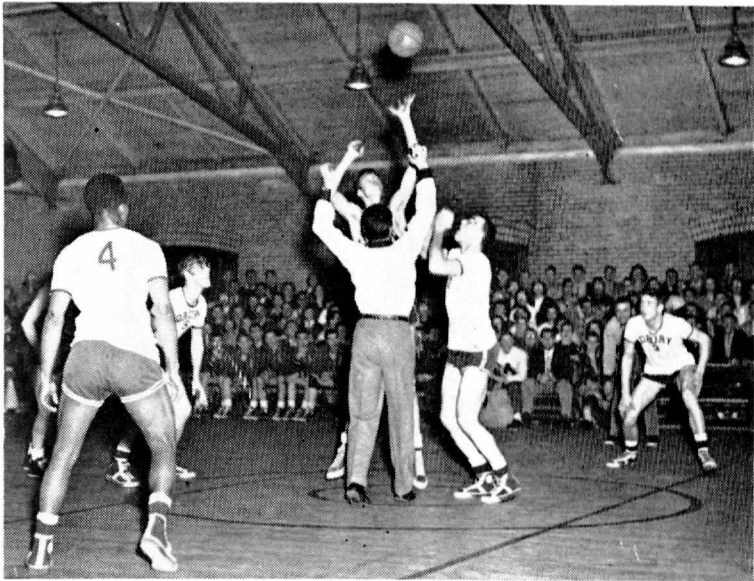
A sharp, alert, and aggressive group of ball hawks wearing the "Purple" of Williams completely dominated play from start to finish and thus are leading for the "Little Three Title" with 2 wins and no defeats.

Except for a brief flurry mid-way in the first half when the Lord Jeffs rallied to deadlock the score at 21 all, the lead was always in the "Ephmens" favor.

Big Harry Sheehy had a great afternoon with 22 points and his play off the backboards was a real thorn in the side of the opposition.

Larson and Capt. Ditmar also scored double figures—Larson was also instrumental in the play off the boards, particularly so when Coach Shaw was resting Sheehy.

Young sophomore Wyn Shudt played a whale of a game at right guard and



The boys reaching for the ball in a recent Adams-Drury game are Francis Brazeau, Joseph Koczela and Richard Lawton, son of Edward Lawton of Formation Control.

we look forward to his becoming a permanent fixture on the starting five if he displays the fine brand of basketball demonstrated in the game with Amherst.

It takes a team to win a game so let's give credit to every member of the winning club.

Williams on the following week took on Univ. of Mass. and won a thriller, 60-52. Two former High School stars saw action for Mass. Bill Prevy of Drury and Capt. Gagnon from Adams. Bill took scoring honors for the evening with 19 points. Both he and Ray Gagnon played great ball but the ever-improving Shawmen could not be denied.

In its latest win the "Purple" took Middlebury at the Vermont town. The score was 55-41. Once again the board play of Larson and Sheehy told the story. Between them they scored 35 points.

Williams now has a record of 7 wins and 5 losses. Three of these losses were suffered at the very beginning of the schedule and by narrow margins. Union beat them by 1, Trinity by 5 and Springfield by 2. Here is the summary of the Williams-Amherst game:

Williams			
	B.	F.	P.
Ditmar, lf.	4	3	11
Speck, lf.	0	1	1
Larsen, rf.	5	2	12
Morse, rf.	0	0	0
Avery, rf.	0	1	1
Sheehy, c.	9	4	22
Pusey, c.	1	0	2
Cramer, lg.	2	1	5
Bush, lg.	0	1	1
Shudt, rg.	2	2	6
Fraser, rg.	0	0	0
Fag'burgh, rg.	1	0	2
Totals	24	15	63

Amherst			
	B.	F.	P.
Hawkins, rg.	2	3	7
McGee, rg.	0	1	1
Wright, lg.	7	1	15
Burnet, lg.	1	1	3
Nesbit, c.	2	0	4
Chapin, c.	0	0	0
Fisher, c.	0	0	0
Bennett, rf.	0	2	2
Garrity, rf.	0	0	0
Chamberlain, lf.	4	3	11
Richmaker, lf.	0	1	1
Totals	16	12	44

Score at half time: Williams 33, Amherst 23. Referees: Bush and Sullivan. Time, 20-minute halves.

SWIMMING:

Coach Bob Muir's mermen have run up against stiff opposition this season winning only 1 meet in four. Brown opened the season for the "Purple Ducks" by winning handily 46-29.

Williams then edged Springfield—38-37 for its only win so far. The Dartmouth greenies invaded Williamstown and handed the Williams natators a thumping 53-25. The latest meet was held at Bowdoin College and the home forces prevailed as they submerged Williams 44-31.

SQUASH:

Coach Chaffee's boys had split four contests in our report, but we do not know how they fared against MIT or Trinity.

They beat Harvard 6-3; lost to Princeton 2-7; pinned one on Army 5-4; and were trounced by Yale 2-8.

WRESTLING:

The Williams wrestlers are doing o.k. for themselves this season winning 3 of 4 meets. The season opened with a decisive win over Tufts 27-8; the strong Brown bear lowered the "Purple Colors" 11-16; Williams bounced back to take Springfield and Hofstra.

TRACK:

Coach Plansky's track men are running indoors at the Boston and New York Gardens. In two meets they have been first in their class — this was the K. of C. In the B.A.A. they came in third.

SKIING:

The grand snow that is so badly needed for this sport has finally arrived and every lover of the outdoors is taking advantage of every minute of it. Skiing is excellent throughout the Berkshires. In a recent meet in Northfield, Vt. the Williams skiers came in third. By the time this issue is off the press the Annual Williams Meet will be a thing of the past or at its peak. With the picture brightened with the heavy snow, indications point to a gala affair.

HOW TO LIVE ON \$15.00 A WEEK

Whiskey and Beer	\$ 8.80
Wife's Beer	1.65
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Rent	Pay Next Week
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Movies	.60
Coal	Borrow from neighbors
Life Insurance, wife's	1.00
Tobacco	.45
Poker Game	1.65

\$ 16.65

This means going into debt SO — CUT OUT THE WIFE'S BEER!

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A very small boy came home dejectedly from his first day at school. "Ain't goin' tomorra," he sputtered. "And why not?" his mother asked. "Well, I can't read and I can't write, and they won't let me talk, so what's the use."